

Upper School Bulletin



Monday 3rd October 2016

Open Evening – Thursday 6th October

On **Thursday 6th October** the Year 6 Open Evening is taking place. Students may be asked by departments to help on the evening. Senior prefects assisting that evening need to be in the Year 12 Study Centre at 5:30 and be in full dress-code. Thank you advance for giving up your time to assist with the evening.

Curriculum Day

Friday 7th October is a curriculum day so the school will not be open for the majority of students. Students sitting the English and Maths re-sit mocks will be required on site. In addition other students may be required to attend on that day.

Ski trip – February 2017

Letters are now available from the Upper School office for Upper School ski trip during the February half term 2016. A great trip for beginners and more experienced skiers. See Mr. Jenkins for more information.

Debating Society

The Debating Society meets every Wednesday at 1:30 in Room 133. All students welcome. This week's topic is: *The death penalty should be brought back now that the advance of science and technology mean the procedure is painless.* See Mr Bagan / Ms Wilson for further details.

A Level Literature Support

For Year 12 & 13 students studying English Literature there will be a weekly support session on Mondays in Room 136 from 3:15-4:15. It will commence on Monday 19th September. See Ms Watson for more details.

General Reminder

- Students and parents are reminded to **always** contact the Upper School Office when reporting absences, leaving items for collection or paying in cash payments. **The correct number for the Upper School is 020 8506 3871.**
- Students are reminded that other than for fire escape, they should not use the main school reception area as a walkthrough.
- Sixth Form toilets should be treated with respect and any problems to be reported to the Upper School office.
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Year 12 Information

Conflict Resolution talk – Wednesday 12th October – Period 5

Year 12 will be off timetable during **Period 5** on **Wednesday 12th October** to hear an important talk from a guest speaker. Please go to the Main Hall at 2:15 and sit in your normal assembly positions.

'Pathwaystolaw' programme

The programme ran by LSE, Queen Mary and University of Roehampton is for students from state schools interested in studying Law at university, giving them the information, advice and guidance on applying for Law degrees and careers in law. Students must have at least 5 As or A*s at GCSE and be either the first generation in their family to attend university or have been eligible for Free School Meals. Please see Mr Jenkins for details and how to apply. Application deadline is **Friday 7th October**.

K+ Programme – King's College

The King's College K+ scheme is designed to help able students from certain backgrounds make successful applications to university. Students must have at least 5 As or A*s at GCSE and be the first generation in their family to attend university. Please see Mr Jenkins for details and how to apply.

Year 12 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 21/9/16 – 27/9/16

| Position | Tutor Group | Attendance % |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 st | 12X | 99.3% |
| 2 nd | 12K | 99.2% |
| 3 rd | 12Q | 98% |

| Position | Tutor Group | Punctuality % |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 st | 12K, 12X | 0.0% |
| 2 nd | 12L | 0.5% |
| 3 rd | 12Y | 0.9% |

Year 13 Information

Year 13 Prom

The Year 13 Prom will take place on Wednesday 5th July at the Kings Oak in High Beach. Please hand in the £10 deposit to the Upper School Office ASAP. Total cost of the ticket is £65.

Re-Sit Forms/Predicted Grades

Re-sit forms are available from the Upper School Office or Ms Cole. These need to be returned ASAP. Re-sit forms must be submitted with payment enclosed, otherwise they will not be processed.

For modular A Levels, if a student is not re-sitting any modules in a subject, their A2 Predicted Grade will be their AS Grade. Only if a student is half way or more towards the higher grade boundary in terms of UMS Marks, and is re-sitting an AS Module, will they be predicted one grade higher at A2 than the AS grade they attained. *For the new style linear A Levels, students will be predicted a grade higher than they achieved at AS.*

Students need to bear in mind that the only opportunity they will have to sit AS re-sits is in the summer of 2017, when they will also be sitting A2 exams. Therefore, students should not be re-sitting more than one unit in each subject.

EPQ

A reminder that all students completing the EPQ must attend the weekly sessions on Mondays at 3:30 on 137. See Mr Belas for more information.

General Studies

It is not compulsory for Year 13 students to sit the A2 General Studies examination. However all students will be following the A Level Course during tutor time in order to develop their general knowledge. We advise Year 13 students who are applying to universities which accept the grade or points from General Studies to sit the exam, however it is optional. Students need to inform Mr Jenkins if they wish to be entered for A Level General Studies, it is an opt-in system.

Studying Abroad

Students interested in studying at a foreign university can find information on all universities in the world which run courses in English at www.astarfuture.co.uk

Year 13 weekly attendance and punctuality awards 21/9/16 – 27/9/16

| Position | Tutor Group | Attendance % |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 st | 13X | 97.5% |
| 2 nd | 13R | 95% |
| 3 rd | 13S | 93.1% |

| Position | Tutor Group | Punctuality % |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1 st | 13P | 0.0% |
| 2 nd | 13V | 0.8% |
| 3 rd | 13W | 1.3% |

Study in the Netherlands

Students who study at a Dutch University incur tuition fees of €1951 per year for 2015-16, a significant reduction on UK tuition fees. To find out more information on studying in the Netherlands visit www.studyinholland.co.uk

General University Admissions Tests

LNAT Test – Students studying Law at a university may be required to sit this test. Applications need to be made online at www.lnat.ac.uk Registration opened on 1st August 2016 and testing starts from 1st September 2016.

PAT/HAT/ELAT/MAT

Students applying to Oxford and Cambridge University are required to sit an aptitude test for certain subjects. Students sitting any of these tests need to obtain an application form from Mrs Cole. There is no cost to sit these tests, the deadline to return the form to Mrs Cole is **16th September**, and the test date is **2nd November**:

Apprenticeship & University Information

University Open Days

Students should avoid going to Open Days on a school day. If there is a special reason why you need to go to one that falls on a school day, you **MUST complete a yellow Absence Request Form** obtained from the Sixth Form Office. The Sixth Form will then decide whether to give you permission to attend or not.

Absence Request Forms MUST be filled in for university interviews also.

For a full list of University Open Days visit www.ucas.com/open-days

National Apprenticeships

www.future-talent.com is a national apprenticeship resource for 15-19 year olds. The website features apprenticeships, entry level jobs and courses for students who are not looking to go to university in September.

Careers Guidance Website

All About School Leavers is a website which provides advice, jobs and career information for students interested in the world of work when leaving school. The website address is; www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

Diary Dates

Diary Dates for This Week

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| Mon 3rd Oct | Year 12 Assembly | Refectory | Mr Millan |
| Tues 4th Oct | Year 13 Assembly | Refectory | Mr Taylor |
| Wed 5th Oct | | | |
| Thurs 6th Oct | Upper School Assembly Open Evening | Main Hall | Ms Bishop |
| Fri 7th Oct | Curriculum Day English GCSE re-sit mock @ 9am Maths GCSE re-sit mock @ 2:15 | | |

Diary Dates for Next Week

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| Mon 10th Oct | Year 12 Assembly | Refectory | Ms Goodman |
| Tues 11th Oct | Year 13 Assembly | Refectory | Mr Jenkins |
| Wed 12th Oct | Guest speaker – Period 5 (Y12) | Main Hall | |
| Thurs 13th Oct | Upper School Assembly | Main Hall | Mr Jenkins |
| Fri 14th Oct | | | |

Mr Jenkins